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DEPTEL 100 to Paris and Bonn's 88 to Department.

RMR

German NMR informed SHAPE of situation on alert measures substantially along same lines reported Bonn's 88; FEDGOV looking at interim solution for emergency powers problem; is uncertain when working group will be set up; expect to act on legislation not requiring two thirds majority by October; does not expect for foreseeable future to propose legislation requiring constitutional amendment.

General Gale was referring to latter category when estimated that there is no chance of FEDREP attempting to enact necessary legislation. He considers that June 1 meeting with three ambassadors and MOD Strauss was SHAPE conference of type mentioned in paragraph 3 Bonn telegram 1789 to Department. As follow-up, he proposes to push working group in Bonn. He sees this as primarily a German activity to draw up requirements to implement alert measures, with SHAPE and/or cincent representatives present to advise and ensure results harmonize with alert program on July 7 SHAPE sent letter to MOD through German NMR SHAPE, stressing importance attached to working party, and requesting date and particulars of initial meeting. There has been no response.

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